## **National Board Certification for Teachers**

## The Background:

Thirty-five out of more than 100 Tennessee teachers who pursued National Board Certification for Teachers in 2004 achieved the national certification. While the state licensing system sets entry-level standards for beginning teachers, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards establishes advanced standards that represent accomplished teaching of experienced teachers. Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), a symbol of professional teaching excellence, is based on high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do.

The teachers who pursue National Board Certification are required to construct a portfolio that represents an analysis of their classroom work and to participate in exercises designed to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, disposition and professional judgment. The certification can take up to three years to achieve.

A board certified teacher, Deborah Frey from Hardin County Schools, will present the names of the other awardees.

## The Recommendation:

For information purposes only, no action required.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF TENNESSEE TEACHERS WHO ACHIEVED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION IN 2004

(Per National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, November 2004)

Teddi Adler, Sullivan County Schools, Kingsport Kathryn Belew Johnson, Nashville-Davidson County Schools, Nashville Rhonda Borden, Memphis City School, Memphis Amy Cannon, Hamblen County Schools, Morristown Kathy Cooper, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Rica Michelle Davis, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Donya Michelle Dodson, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Nelson Dougherty, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Cathy Doyle, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Thomas Eric Ellison, Franklin Special School District, Franklin Pamela Fowler, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Nancy French Freeman, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Deborah Frey, Hardin County Schools, Counce Leanne Fryman, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Bobbie Gibson, Hawkins County Schools, Eidson Courtney Gregory, Rutherford County Schools, Murfreesboro Janey Jackson, Shelby County Schools, Germantown Cynthia Jackson, Knox County Schools, Strawberry Plains Camilla Kerst-Davis, Franklin Special Schools, Franklin Melissa Lonneman, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Amy Maze, Nashville-Davidson County Schools, Antioch Shirley McMorris, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Penny McPeak, Johnson City Schools, Johnson City Victoria Morton, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Mary Myron, Washington County Schools, Johnson City Nancy Parrish, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Emily Partin, Nashville-Davidson County Schools, Nashville Jo Pratt, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Tara Rogers, Williamson County Schools, Fairview Brenda Sandridge, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Cathy Sivyer, Sevier County Schools, Seymour Penny Tubbs, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Mary Vaughan, Oak Ridge City Schools, Oak Ridge

Nancy Wilder, Memphis City Schools, Memphis Debra Wright, Memphis City Schools, Memphis